

# THE CLAVIAN

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## THE OLD AND THE NEW.

It hardly seems a year ago  
We welcomed 1909;  
It's brought its pleasure and its woe,  
The dark days and the fine.

A year's success in form and field,  
(We like to chalk them up),  
The Girls have won the Tennis Shield,  
And Derby's got the Cup.

And yet, in spite of all our games,  
Our work we don't neglect;  
High in the lists you'll find our names,  
'*Mens sana*'—we suspect.

Time flies—here's Christmas once again—  
The good old wish we send you,  
And when you enter 1910  
May all good luck befriend you.

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## SCHOOL NOTES (Boys).

The following boys have left us since our last issue :—  
Brickies, Bridge, J. W., Brown, S. V., Cartman, Freeman,  
Hall, N., Hall, R., Hargreaves, Hartley, Howarth, Wh.,  
Jones, C. E., O'Connor, M., Pennington, Rostron, W. P.,  
Southam, Talbot, Taylor, B., Trevor, Wallace, Wild, A. E.,  
Wild, W., Wolstenholme, J.

The following have joined us this term :—

Baxendale, Bentley, Collins, Coupe, C. H., Dean, Entwistle, Fletcher, Greenhalgh, H., Hall, E. W., Hartington, Haworth, Heath, Hilton, Holt, Jackson, S. C., Lord, H., Maddox, R. M., Metcalf, Mitchell, Morris, R., O'Connor, Orrell, Porter, Ridyard, Rigby, W. E., Rothwell, G. C., Rothwell, G. R., Scholes, W., Smith, A. O. S., Smith, J. H., Southwell, Unwin, Warburton, Warrington, Winterburn, J., Winterburn, W.

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**Pueri Auctoritate Graves—**

Captain of the School: L. Buxton.

Prefects :—Senior : F. L. Buxton, C. R. Chadwick, E. Jones, H. Barlow. Junior: K. McFarlane. W. Wood.

Football Captains :—First Eleven : F. L. Buxton, (Vice-Captain : E. Jones) ; Second Eleven : W. Morris ; Third Eleven : E. Singleton; Fourth Eleven : G. A. Bradley.

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EXAMINATION SUCCESSES.—Higher Certificate Examination of the Joint Board of Oxford and Cambridge :—Barlow i, H., Buxton i, F. L., (Distinction in Trigonometry and Mechanics), Jones i, E., (Distinction in Mathematics, Trigonometry and Mechanics), McFarlane, Wild i, A. E., Wood i, W.

Victoria Matriculation.—First Class : Wild i, A. E. Second Class : Hall i, N., Jones ii, C. E.

Lancashire County Council Scholarship  $\text{£}60$  per annum for three years.—Wild i, A. E.

London Matriculation.—Barlow i, H., Jones ii, C. E.

Oxford Locals.—Senior, Pass: Pickup, Simmonds. Junior, (in order of merit), First Class Honours : Eatough (fifty-third in the whole list, Distinction in French, Latin and Mathematics). Second Class Honours : Jackson iii, F., and Lowe (bracketed first), Simpkin, Wood iii, J. B., Morris i, W., Ogden, Howarth ii, W. Third Class Honours: Maddox i, J. M., Lund. Pass: Cartman (Second Class Honours Standard, but over age), Wild v, I., Whittaker ii, F., Turner, Singleton, Smith iii, J. Y., Sharp i, J. C.,

Noton, Cornall i, S. W., Smith ii, H. C., Wolstenholme ii, E., Lees i, E. A. A., Slack, Boardman, Howarth iii, H. Preliminary, Third Class Honours : Pickstone i, W. Pass : Clay, Hayes.

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In the recent French Examination of the Lancashire and Cheshire Institutes, Wild i, A. E., obtained Distinction and Hon. Mention for the Second Prize, and E. B. Lee Hon. Mention for the Third Prize, in Advanced French. In Intermediate French, Eatough and Lowe secured Hon. Mention for the " Institutes " Prize.

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Mr. Henry Whitehead, D.L., and Col. J. Barlow, J.P., two of our Governors, have been made Members of the Victorian Order (M.V.O.) Congratulations to both.

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His Excellency the American Ambassador, the Right Hon. J. Whitelaw Reid, in the course of a letter to the Head Master, writes:—"I have to thank you ... for the interesting article in 'The Clavian' on the associations of Bury and Harvard University."

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Goldsmith's play, " She Stoops to Conquer," was performed in the Central Hall on October 18th and 19th. On the Monday we held a full-dress rehearsal, which was attended by most of the boys and girls with their friends. On the following night the Hall was full of parents and friends, who evidently expected our youthful Thespians to rival Mr. Compton and his company. Nor were they disappointed. Our budding expounders of the histrionic art excelled themselves. Everybody enjoyed the play—the performers not the least—and all went merry as a marriage bell. Under the able management of Mr. Denning, they had worked hard to make the venture a success, and went not unrewarded. Mr. Denning as Tony Lumpkin kept everybody in roars of laughter. As the stately Hardcastle, shocked by the overbearing manners of the unwittingly impudent young Marlowe, Mr. Spivey rivals the great----- himself, and the awkward Diggory was portrayed by Mr. Warrilow in an extremely funny manner. The

“ ladies ” captivated all hearts by their charming and natural manners. O’Neil as the sharp old Dame Hardcastle played exceedingly well, especially in her bouts with Tony Lumpkin. Minton as Miss Hardcastle, imposing on young Marlowe, and Binns as the beloved of Hastings, did really splendid work, considering the difficulty of overcoming the habits of their sex. We have heard, unofficially, that Binns has received sixteen offers of marriage since the play. Of the other principals, Buxton and Barlow as the modest-impudent young Marlowe and the ardent Hastings respectively were—modesty forbids us to say what. Wood i. made a very dignified Sir Charles Marlowe, and Nolan an exceedingly good Stingo. The other performers, Rostron i, Lund, Wilkinson i, Nuttall i, Cornall, Dawson, Meadowcroft, Nuttall ii, Wild iii, all sustained their parts to their own credit and that of the School.

Our best thanks are due to Whittam for his efficient prompting, to Mr. Robinson for invaluable assistance behind the scenes, and to Mrs. Warrilow and Mrs. Denning for the assistance they rendered to the “ ladies.” The whole of the scenery was painted by McFarlane and Wood i—a really wonderful achievement ! As a result of the play, the Sports Fund has benefited to the extent of ;£11.

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Saturday of the half-term holiday was taken advantage of by the Fourth and Transitus. Leaving Bury at 9-15, Holcombe was reached by motor train. Here what proved a thirteen-mile walk was begun. After passing Reddisher Wood, the “ tuck ” shop at Lower Ridge Farm was patronised; and later, when the stiff lower slopes of Holcombe had to be climbed, some hungry individual suggested a better method of carrying “ grub ” than in paper bags, and a majority approving the idea, a fire was made, and despite the too boisterous attention of the minority, tea was made and drank with many a grimace and uncomplimentary remark. The ravine at Holcombe Head was eventually reached and its rock-strewn side negotiated. On reaching the moor top it was intended to head for Edgworth or Turton, but the initial

mistake of not fixing direction was made, as beyond an occasional shooting cover there is no variation in ground feature. One of the party having gone ahead, we like sheep followed; and after tramp, tramp, tramping over ground roughly cut up by holes showing ages of decayed vegetation, and jumping or climbing down or out of many watercourses and with the hope shattered that each little rise would show us the "promised land," we had perforce to adopt the sage advice of a Fourth Former, that if we kept straight on we should arrive somewhere, and so we did, but not at Edgworth. At last we reached the moor edge, and, scrambling down, soon had a roaring fire of gorse bush, well confined by a ring of stones. Everyone contributed to its making, and great solicitude for the safety of the cooking tin was shown. Such food as remained was generously shared, and the tea and coffee voted jolly good. After carefully putting out the fire, several fine farms were visited in search of direction, but found tenantless. Again climbing, we saw a long stretch of well-populated valley, and to an enquiry of the first human as to which portion was Edgworth, he replied: "That's noan Edgworth; that's Haslingden, and this is Musbury Tor." We speedily got down and began the return journey. Very sedately crossing the Rossendale Golf Links—private property—one of our number claimed a stalwart golfer as cousin, and this being presumed upon, the football carried with us was put down, and being recklessly chased ended in sad disaster. The return of the unfortunate one to solid ground caused a prompt dispersal of his fellows, who tendered laughing sympathy and advice from a distance. The valley course—which affords fine scenery—was followed by Red Lumb, Stubbins, Nuttall Village and Walmersley, Bury being reached about 6 p.m.

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Other visits of the same series were paid (1) to Trafford Park Lake, where the safe boating was greatly enjoyed, and (2) to Bolton Fire Station, where the Superintendent, after shewing and explaining in simple language all appliances, gave a demonstration how quickly they could turn out. When the alarm was sounded

the stable doors opened, the horses came out and took their places, men came sliding down pillars and manned the engine, and the driver by touching a lever caused the doors to open and all were ready for going before the boys could realise it. Their evident appreciation was ample reward for the men. R.

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IN THE CONSTITUENCIES.

[By our own correspondent].

BURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL DIVISION.

Last Election, 1906 :—

Mr. S. H. SUTTON (C) .....	104
Mr. J. A. BLEAKLEY (L).....	57
Conservative Majority ...	47

The election in this division promises to be very exciting as the candidates are both well-known local gentlemen, and a triangular contest has been avoided by the alliance of the Liberals and Socialists. Enthusiastic interest is already displayed.

On December 6th, the Conservative Executive adopted Mr. F. L. Buxton as their candidate. Mr. Buxton is a gentleman of local standing whose worth is well-known, and the choice is a peculiarly happy one.

On the same day the Central Liberal Executive adopted Mr. K. McFarlane to stand in the Liberal interest. As it is not deemed advisable for the Socialist faction to introduce a third candidate, Mr. McFarlane will most probably have their support. He has recently come into some prominence, it may be well to note, by reason of his advanced ideas, and the Liberals are distinctly fortunate in having secured his services in the present crisis.

Those gentlemen who are willing to give their aid, whether as canvassers or stewards, or by lending their motor-cars, are requested to communicate with the respective agents, Mr. E. Lord for the Liberals, and Mr. H. Barlow for the Conservatives.

A Social Evening of Hulme House was held on Wednesday, October 27th. About fifty sat down to tea at 7 p.m. Afterwards the members adjourned to the Central Hall, where entertainment was provided by Burton (song), McFarlane and Minton i (cartoons on the blackboard), O'Neil and Rostron i (comic sketch). The whole party then entered upon an advertisement competition, which ended in a tie of 16 each for Marks i and McFarlane out of a possible 24. The next item was a whist drive, at which Burton was successful in obtaining the largest number of points. After the distribution of the prizes by Mr. Sprankling, another light refreshment was partaken of, and the members dispersed to their homes about 9-45.

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Can any of our readers give us information about a Mr. Greenhough, who is described as a schoolmaster living in The Wylde about the year 1770 ? He acted as Master of the Revels in connection with the Fifth of November celebrations, and of the well-known Band of Robin Hood which roamed the streets and exacted toll in the approved "merry-men" fashion.

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The annual distribution of prizes was made on Friday, November 20th, in the Roger Kay Hall. At the request of the Chairman of the Governors (the Rector of Bury), Canon Evans presided. In the course of a short speech, Canon Evans said many kind things about the School which had educated four of his boys and given them such a good education that three of them had elected to go to Cambridge and had there graduated in honours. In the regrettable absence of the Head Master through illness, the Rev. J. Williams read the Head Master's thirtieth annual report and that issued by the Oxford and Cambridge Schools Examination Board.

The Rector of Bury congratulated the Head Master, his colleagues, the boys, and the town of Bury on having a school which could train its boys in the way boys were trained there, and



could send out those boys to the Universities and other walks of life, equipped in the manner in which boys went out from the Bury Grammar School. It was interesting to note that the Head Master had been at the head of the school for thirty years. He cordially hoped Mr. Howlett might be there for many more years. The sympathy of the meeting would go out to him in that, on the thirtieth prize-giving, he was able to be present only in the spirit and not in the flesh.

The Rector then distributed the prizes.

The following items contributed to the evening's enjoyment :—(1) School Song; (2) Songs, " Peaceful Slumbers " and " Marching through Georgia," School Choir; (3) " Go where Glory Awaits Thee" and "Yankee Doodle," by the Parish Church Choir; (4) Violin Solo, " Duo Concertant " (Krommer), by Morris i, W., and Morris iii, R. ; (5) Recitations, " Barbara Frietchie," by Binns, and " King Robert of Sicily," by Wood i, W.

The Annual Swimming Sports were held on Friday, September 24th. There was a larger and more varied programme than usual. The Relay Races roused great enthusiasm, the " Hutchinson Cup " passing from Derby to Hulme House by a margin of one point.

#### RESULTS.

House Relay Races	: Senior. 1.	Derby ;	2. Hulme.
	Middle. 1.	Hulme;	2. Kay.
	Junior. 1.	Derby;	2. Hulme.
Result :	Hulme, 31 points (Hutchinson Cup).		
	Derby, 30 points. Kay, 8 points.		

#### WINNING TEAMS.

Hulme : Nuttall ii, A. E., Downham, Wilkinson i, J. P.

Derby Senior : Nuttall i, F. H., Barlow i, H., Talbot.

Derby Junior : Calrow, Dickinson, Butcher.

Two Lengths (open) Scratch : 1, Barlow i, H. ; 2, Nuttall i, F. H.

Over 15, Dive : 1, Nuttall i, F. H. ; 2, Crompton i, C.

Under 15, Dive : 1, Dawson; 2, Wilkinson ii, T.

Two Lengths (under 15) Handicap : 1, Wilkinson i, J. P.;  
 2, Nuttall ii, A. E.  
 One Length (under 14) Scratch : 1, Sutcliffe; 2, Marks ii, F. F.  
 Plate Diving : 1, Barlow i, H.; 2, Howarth ii, W.

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Hulme House retains the Mellor Cup for shooting, and takes from Derby the Hutchinson Cup for swimming.

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The Philatelic Society is making good progress. Sheets of stamps are circulated every few weeks amongst the boys, and much interest is shewn in the exchanging. We should welcome the inclusion in the club of more members from the upper forms of the school, and Whittam would gladly receive names and subscriptions (3d.) of any other boys who feel disposed to join.

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Though most of our readers know that the Head Master graduated at Christ's College, Cambridge, it may be news to some that while there he studied English and Anglo-Saxon under Dr. W. W. Skeat, the great Anglo-Saxon Scholar. As there has recently been considerable discussion among our local philologists as to the derivation and meaning of the name of our town, Mr. Howlett wrote to Dr. Skeat on the matter, and received the following reply :—

“ There never has been any doubt as to the source of *Bury*. It has long been known to represent the Anglo-Saxon *byrig*, dative case of *burh*, which is the modern English ‘borough.’ It was very common for place-names to occur in the dative case, because the preposition *cet*, Modern English ‘at,’ was popularly understood as being implied before the name. So that *Bury* really meant ‘at the town.’ *Bury* often occurs as a suffix, as in *Newbury*, i.e. ‘at the new town.’ The name ‘*cet the newan tune*’ was once extremely common. This was reduced to *newen town*, and then turned into *Nevington* ! Sometimes the *-en* was lost, and then it became *Newton*, also very common. *Newton* became a nominative case, as it were; but it started in life as a dative.

The true formula, in full, was *at thcere byrig*, "at the town." When kept in full, it became *at ther buri*, and then *at ter buri*: it is now *one* word, and written Atterbury, as a man's name. *Thxre* was feminine : but when people forgot that *burh* was feminine, they used *oet tharn burh*, a masculine form with the nominative falsely used instead of a dative. And this has given *Attenborough*, also a personal name. You can easily verify this by looking up *bury* and *borough* in any big Dictionary; such as the "Century Dictionary; or, better still, the "New English Dictionary" by Dr. Murray.—Yours sincerely, W. W. SKEAT."

As Dr. Skeat is regarded as the highest living authority on Anglo-Saxon, this letter may be said to settle the question once for all.

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Christmas Vacation : Wednesday, 22nd December, to Thursday, 20th January.

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## HEAD MASTERS OF BURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

### I.

In the Admission Book of Christ's College, Cambridge, it is recorded that Henry Pendlebury, admitted on May 9, 1645, aged 18, was educated at Bury School, under "Mr. Ingham." The Rev. William Ingham had then been in Bury several years. He was married at the Parish Church here on March 2, 1641, to Mary Howorth, a widow. The eminent divine, Oliver Heywood (ordained at Bury Church, August 4, 1652), writes in his Diary : " Mary Heywood, my brother John's wife, that was born in Bury Parish—her name before marrying was Mary Ramsbothom ; her mother married Mr. Ingham as her third husband." The marriage of " John Romsbothom and-----Nuttall, both of this parish," took place at Bury Church on February 22, 1631. A daughter (Mary) of Mr. Ingham was christened at the same church on December 16, 1641 ; and on February 23, 1664, she was married to John Calvert, at Church Kirk, in the parish of

Whalley. Some years after his marriage Mr. Ingham appears to have removed to Church Kirk. On August 29, 1656, the Trustees for the Maintenance of Ministers ordered "that Mr.

- Wm. Ingham, minister of the Word, be settled minister " of the parish church of Ribchester, " provided he first procure the approbation of the Commissioners for Approbation of Public Preachers in that behalf." The Ribchester church registers show that he was officiating there in November, 1656, and in the records of the aforementioned Trustees he is mentioned as Vicar in 1658-9; but it was not until August 26, 1661, that (having conformed) he was instituted to the living by the Bishop of Chester. His wife died at Ribchester early in July, 1668, and about eleven weeks afterwards he married Grace Hesmondough, who survived him. He was buried at Ribchester Church on October 25, 1681.

The Rev. Peter Bradshaw succeeded Mr. Ingham as head master. Born about 1619, he was probably a native of Lancashire. From 1642 until 1647 he was schoolmaster at Sowerby, near Halifax, and in a certificate given him by a number of his Yorkshire friends he is described as " a man well knowne unto us, demeaning himselfe honestly in his place and calling diligently and industriously to ye great content and commodity of those whoe have had occasion to make use of him ; in his conversation blamelesse ; still associating himselfe with ye most pious and religious amongst us in publicke and private." He was (on a call from the inhabitants) ordained as minister of " Cockey Chapel—Christ Church, Ainsworth—by members of the Bury Presbyterian Classis, on May 12, 1647. Sixteen months later he was appointed Register to the Classis. In the Admission Book of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, Mr. Bradshaw is mentioned as master of Bury School; it being recorded that two sons of Henry Byrom, of Lowton, in this county (a Major in the Royalist army), who were admitted to the college on May 4, 1650, had been three years at Winwick and one year at Bury School. In the Parliamentary Commissioners' Church Survey of the same

year, Mr. Bradshaw is described as "an orthodox able Minister, well approved of." Like his predecessor at the Grammar School, he was twice married. His first wife died on February 19, 1653, and was interred at Bury Church, where their daughter Martha had been christened between two and three years earlier. A short time after his wife's death he removed from Bury into Yorkshire, "going," Mr. W. A. Shaw, M.A., says, "possibly as a curate to Illingworth, in Halifax parish." In May, 1656, Mr. Bradshaw was back again, as minister at Ainsworth, but not as headmaster of Bury School, and he was at once re-appointed Register to the Classis. A year later he made his second matrimonial venture, an entry in the register of weddings at Middleton Parish Church showing that "the purpose of Marriage betweene Peter Bradshaw, Minister at Cockey Chappell, and Sarah Bridges, of the parish of Hallifax, in the County of York, Widdowe," was published on May 10, 17, and 24, 1657. Soon afterwards he removed again. Colonel Henry Fishwick says that "according to an Inquisition taken at Rochdale in 1658, Peter Bradshaw was then at Milnrow." And according to Mr. Shaw, "all subsequent traces of him are lost." Not quite. Mr. Bradshaw paid a visit to Bolton in January, 1659, when he was a witness for the defence in a case in which the then Rector of Bury, John Lightfoot, brought an action against Arthur Smethurst, James Hardman, John Kay, and John Norres, touching certain metes and bounds and tithes of the parishes of Bury and Middleton. In his deposition on that occasion, Mr. Bradshaw is described as "of Grindlestone-bank, Co. York, clerk, aged 39 or thereabouts."

With regard to Mr. Bradshaw's successor at the Grammar School, there is an entry on a page of "Births and Baptisms" in the Parish Church registers as hereunder:—

April 15. Anno Salutis 1656.

William Aspinwall, Schoolemaster at ye publick Schoole in Bury, being (according to an Act of Parliament in that case made) elected and chosen, by ye parishioners there, for ye parish Register, was by vertue of ye sd Act approved of, & also sworn to ye diligent & faithfull execution of ye sd place & office, ye day & yeare aboue written.

By mee

L. RAWSTORNE.

Mr. Aspinwall could not have filled the office of Register more than twenty months, for the Act under which he was appointed became inoperative in the last week of 1657. Probably he is identical with the William Aspinwall who went up from Lancashire to Brasenose College, Oxford, where—at the age of 18—he matriculated on November 2, 1621, and took the degree of B.A. on February 25, 1625, mention being made of him some years later as schoolmaster at Walton-on-the-Hill, Liverpool. After 1657 to 1662 one William Aspinwall was incumbent of Formby, in West Lancashire. There was a “William Aspinwall, of Aughton, clerk,” whose will was proved in 1673. There are two Aughtons in Lancashire. The Aughton referred to is situated about three miles south of Ormskirk.

The Rev. Thomas Lawton was afterwards head master of the Grammar School. In the Diary of the Rev. Henry Newcome, of Manchester, under date Saturday, July 5, 1662, mention is made of a visit paid to him after dinner by “Mr. Lawton, school Mr at Bury.” Another after-dinner visit by “Mr. Lawton, the schoolemr of Bury,” is recorded on Saturday, February 7, 1663. An entry in the Manchester Parish registers shows that seven years later Mr. Lawton had succeeded to the curacy of Newton. Under date February 28, 1688, Henry Newcome writes: “Honest Mr. Lawton, minister of Newton Heath Chapel, died this day,” And further: “Honest Mr. Lawton, minister of Newton, buried March 1st.” His successor at Newton was James Lawton, master of Oldham Grammar School, who (according to an entry in the Diary of one of his pupils, the Rev. James Clegg, pastor of Chinley Chapel, whose mother was a Livesey of Birtle, near Bury) “had been a Dissenting minister in Derbyshire,”

WILLIAM HEWITSON.

## SCHOOL REGISTER (Continued).

	Age.	Ent'd.	Left.
Robert, son of Henry Crompton, Druggist. Removed.	11	1831	—
Thomas Porter, son of William Tarrey, Land Agent and Steward. Drowned with his Father and the whole of his Family on board the Rothsay Castle, Aug <sup>r</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> 1831.	10	1831	Obt. 1831
Robert, son of Robert Statter, Steward to Lord Derby.	13	Jany. 1831	—
Arthur, son of James Hutchinson, Esq., Manufacturer, Wood Bank, near Bury.	11	1832	—
James Richard, son of Tho <sup>s</sup> - Cairow, Esq., Manufacturer, Woodhill. Removed from the Lower School Midsummer 1831.	11	—	—
Alfred, son of Peter Jackson, Esq., Keresley, Coventry.	—	—	—
Henry, son of Daniel Broadhurst, Esq., Swinton.	—	—	Midsummer 1835
Upton, son of Mrs. Slack, Ardwick near Manchester.	—	—	—
Robert, son of Mrs. Slack, Ardwick near Manchester.	—	—	—
Thomas, son of R. Gardner, Esq., Priory, Pendleton. Entered of Worcester Coils'- Oxford.	—	—	—
William, son of R. Gardner, Esq., Priory, Pendleton.	—	—	—
Charles, son of John Hargreaves, Esq., Hart Common, near Wigan.	—	Easter 1836	—
Robert, son of the Rev. Robert Birkett, Unsworth.	—	1833	Midsummer 1836
Charles, son of W <sup>m</sup> - Wilson, Esq., Surgeon, Manchester.	—	1834	from ill-health 1835
Jeremiah, son of Jeremiah Lord, Butcher. Removed from Lower School 1835.	11	—	—
John Scott, son of John Ebsworth, Traveller. Removed from Lower School 1835.	11	—	—

### SCHOOL NOTES (Girls).

The School now numbers 237—four of whom are music pupils only. Thirty-seven pupils entered this term:—Doris Jackson, F. Ogden, M. Smith, H. Mills, H. Metcalfe, S. Eastham, E. Allen, A. Barber, Dorothy Jackson, W. Geddes, A. Barlow, E. Barrett, H. Throup, A. Clay, E. Entwistle, B. Booth, E. Labron, T. Taylor, P. Geddes, M. Nuttall, D. Johnson, D. Thorp, W. Hall, E. Roberts, A. Yardley, R. Weaver, D. Birch, A. Coulthard, G. Lippman, I. Lippman, M. Zucker, M. Fletcher, N. Hill, L. Burgess, E. Stoneley-Smith, F. Heywood, M. Barlow.

Girls left:—M. Hardman, H. Haworth, A. Ramsbottom, A. Wolstenholme, M. Cannon, E. Brooks, P. Greenhalgh, M. Hargreaves, H. Maddock, E. Gough, D. Barlow, A. Gill, C. Maddock, J. Simpson, E. Spencer, J. Winterburn, B. Woodcock, E. Ashworth, M. Nuttall, N. Bridge, D. Brown, F. Hughes, D. Rothwell, D. Sheppard, H. Barrett, C. Bradshaw, N. Anderson, M. Anderson.

Both in the Victoria Matriculation and in the Oxford Locals our girls have done better than ever before, and reflect great credit on themselves and on the School.

Of the nine girls entered for Matriculation, six were placed in the first division, and two in the second. Only one failed, and she had already passed the examination in the previous year, and R. Howarth gained distinction in English Language and Literature.

In the Locals, fifty-one candidates were entered and forty-eight passed. Four juniors with distinction in English Language and Literature, and A. Lord achieved one of the only two distinctions awarded for Music.

In Music and in Drawing the School has also maintained its former high standard.

In the Hulme Scholarship awarded in connection with the Victoria Matriculation, H. Howarth was *proxime accessit*, and received £10.



M. Chew became a bursar on passing the Senior Examination, and M. Brown by special Examination.

The lists of the various examinations are to be found below :

VICTORIA MATRICULATION—(Nine entered).—*Division I.*:

A. Wolstenholme, O. Taylor, D. Worsick, L. Butterworth, M. Wilde, S. M. Howard (Distinction in English Literature).

*Division II.*: H. Howarth, A. Ramsbottom.

OXFORD SENIOR—(Twelve entered).—*Second Class Honours*:

F. Whitehead, L. Brunskill.

*Third Class Honours*: L. Aspinall, O. Budden, N. Hall, A. L. Wood.

*Pass*: R. Barber, M. Cannon, M. Chew, A. Kay, J. Ramsden.

OXFORD JUNIOR—(Twenty-one entered).—*First Class Honours* :

E. M. Clay (second girl in England, Distinction in English); E. Wilkinson (third girl in England, Distinction in English); E. Glenday (Distinction in English).

*Second Class Honours*: D. Hayes (Distinction in English).

*Third Class Honours*: L. Garnett, E. Hamilton, L. Whitehead.

*Pass*: L. Baxendale, D. Eckersall, F. Fielden, A. Lord (Distinction in Music), S. Lucas, L. Mills, E. Nuttall, E. Worrall, M. Ross, E. Scholes, E. Simpson, P. Stansfield, E. Brooks (over age).

OXFORD PRELIMINARY.—*Third Class Honours*: E. Ashworth,

D. Bedford, W. Heath, D. Howard, E. Riley, A. Throup, E. Wild,

*Pass*: F. Barlow, J. Hazlitt, E. Simpson, F. Terry, E. Whitehead, G. Whittle.

*Second Division*: A. Cocker, G. Hodgson, J. Prince, E. Scholes.

L.C.C. SCHOLARSHIPS.—D. Bedford.

DRAWING EXAMINATION.—At the Royal Drawing Society's Examination, forty-two girls gained honours, and sixty-six passed. Of the sheets of drawing and paintings sent up for the R. D. S. Exhibition, fifteen were commended as follows :—

*First Class:* B. Ramsbottom, G. Hodgson, E. Wilkinson.

*Second Class:* (2) G. Hodgson, A. Riley, (2) A. Ramsbottom, M. Wild, D. Worsick.

*Third Class:* A. Wood, L. Whitehead, M. Wild, M. Grundy, M. Gunn, G. Hodgson.

*Fourth Class:* O. Taylor.

MUSIC EXAMINATIONS. ASSOC. BOARD OF R.A.M AND R.C.M.

*Higher Division:* D. Bedford, G. Whittaker.

*Lower Division:* M. Watson (Distinction), B. Nuttall, M. Grundy, M. Nuttall, M. Silvester, D. Burgoyne, E. Poole.

*Elementary:* E. Pickles.

*Primary:* E. Price.

L. Radcliffe, E. Glenday, A. Kay and G. Hall passed in Theory of Music.

#### A VISIT TO THE BURY CORPORATION GAS WORKS.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, November 10th, Forms VI." and V. Lower of the Bury Grammar School for Girls visited the Bury Gas Works. Excellent arrangements had been made there for our visit, by Alderman Fletcher and to him our thanks are due.

The first part of the manufacture we found most interesting—that of taking the coke from the retorts, and of re-charging them with coal. Both these processes were performed for us in (1) the old way by manual labour and (2) by machinery. Not less interesting was the "river of fire." This was the red-hot coke being carried away from the retort house by a shallow moving trough filled with cold water.

We were then conducted to see the "condensers," "washers," "scrubbers" and "purifiers," through which, in turn, the gas was passed in order to be purified. From these the gas was sent through a metre. Here the gas was measured before it entered the huge gas holders from which the gas in the town is supplied.

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On Saturday, December 4th, Miss Kitchener took a party, of girls to see Ben Jonson's "Every man in his Humour," at the Gaiety Theatre. Like everything Miss Horniman's Company undertakes, it was splendidly staged and acted. We thoroughly enjoyed the types of character that were displayed for our amusement, and were glad to make a first-hand acquaintance with Captain Bobadil, whose enormous height gave added piquancy to his downfall, and with the inimitable Cash.

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We regret to have to announce the death of Mary Sumner. She was ill only a few days, and her unexpected death was a great shock to us all. She was a great favourite in Form V. (B.), and is much missed. We offer her parents our deep sympathy in the great loss of their only child.

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We understand that the Memorial to the late Mr. H. Webb is to take the form of prizes to be called "The Henry Webb Prizes," and that a brass is to be placed in the Central Hall.

In addition, however, the School possesses another link with him. In the corridor along which we so often saw him walking, a strikingly characteristic photograph has been hung; we have greatly missed his frequent visits and cheery greeting, and are glad to have this reminder of one who was so true a friend of the School.

We are glad to know that Miss Livingstone has already benefited by the rest and sea air. She is going to Paris for some time to study at the Sorbonne.

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FOR OUR HISTORY STUDENTS.—We recently heard the following riddle which may be new to our readers :—

Why was the fate of Joan of Arc preferable to that of Charles I. ?

Because a hot stake is preferable to a cold chop at any time.

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### O. G. A. NOTES.

Four of our girls—A. Wolstenholme, A. Ramsbottom, M. Hardman and H. Haworth went on to the Manchester University at the beginning of term. We hope that they will carry on the traditions of the School and do well there.

G. Ramsden passed the First Examination, Part II., of the Faculty of Medicine in Biology.

The Dance in connection with the O. G. A. was held on Friday, December 3rd, in the Town Hall, and the Committee are to be congratulated on the social success of the evening. About eighty people were present; not quite so many as usual, and there will be a financial loss, but this thought was not sufficient to cast any gloom over the evening, and everybody agreed that the dance was one of the most successful of recent years.

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### EX NIHILO NIHIL FIT.

In the absence of anything light in this term's magazine the editor desires your most accommodating, humble servant to write something funny. Fancy that! To request a crusty,, middle-aged man, who has been struggling for the last indefinite period of time " to keep the wolf from the door " (I don't quite

know what that can mean in a country where there are no wolves, but it sounds heroic, and so it pleases me), well, I say, to ask such a person to write something funny is in itself very funny—to me, at all events. I told the editor so when he honoured me with his presence, his sweetest smile and his modest request. On that occasion, I told him I hadn't time to think. I believe I should have been nearer the truth had I told him I had not the energy, and my big brothers would say that, had I told him I had not the ability, I should have spoken the quintessence of truth. But elder brothers are apt to be priggish, and mightily supercilious where younger and more modest creatures are in view. I should not like the editor to give me away to these big brothers, or they would wreak summary vengeance on me, and the magazine would lose a very valuable contributor.

So far, as usual, I have written about nothing, and done it very well. Now, however, I mean to write about something; that is, I am going to tell you something.

The editor is much charmed with my personal appearance. He feels assured that the curls upon my head, the Grecian characters of my features as manifested in my proboscis, and in my dreamy, far-away-looking optics, indicate a nature permeated by the spirit of poetry, and he suggests that I should write poetry. He is quite sure that England only lacks a poet at this day because I have never allowed my native genius to assert itself, and advises me not to hide my light under a bushel, but to keep my weather eye open for the Laureateship when next vacant. He suggests that I should write an ode to music. I acquiesce, and first of all, with the use of Julea's Bureau, I make the acquaintance of nine very talented Greek ladies. If you don't happen to know those I mention, just look them up in *Chambers' Dictionary*, as I did. Among those who took my fancy was Calliope. She was particularly nice as the saying goes, though inclined to be on the heavy side—metaphorically speaking, of course. Clio had a very learned appearance, but was too much given to musty old books

and MSS. to pay sufficient attention to me. She detected at once that I was not a book-worm. In the darkest corner of the garden stood Melpomene, with a blood-curdling look in her eye and a general devouring expression that fascinated and terrified me at the same time. Terpsichore was never still, though I am bound to admit she was most graceful in all her movements, even when I inadvertently whistled "Has anybody here seen Kelly?" Polyhymnia I fell in love with at once, as I do with all Pollies, from parrots upwards. I engaged myself to her, and inspiration began at once. I looked around and saw the piano. It roused -memories. I wrote :

When Laura bangs the luckless keys  
And thunders like a roaring cannon,  
To show the execution she's  
Acquired from Herr Von Bangpianen.

The editor stopped me here. He didn't like the ending of the third line. He says the sentiment is promising, but he doesn't like the feet.

Well, here goes again. This time I'll try singing, so come on Polly what's your name ?, and let's see what we can do this time :

When Emily begins to sing about the moon and love's young dreaming,  
In some delusion fond (poor thing !) that people like to hear her squealing.

Stop ! The editor again ! He objects to squealing ! Suggestive of swine! Besides, he says I imply that singers are conceited, and so I must not proceed. He does singers a great injustice. Still, I am convinced that I am born to do something in the realm of High Art, so, with your permission and kind assistance, my dearest Polly, I'll endeavour to write a stanza on painting, and if you do not sustain your part this time I am afraid the engagement must terminate—breach of promise or not. Let me see—

When Margaret shows the canvas  
That at last she's learned to make a mess on  
From some real Paris painter at  
A guinea and a half a lesson-----

No, I'm not satisfied. I find stanzas are not so easily written as I thought, especially when your muse does not support you. I have therefore finished with the ladies. The engagement's off, and I shall again join the Bachelors' Club of the Sixth Form.

As usual I have written much and said nothing. But don't be dismayed. I am inwardly discussing the advisability or otherwise of indulging in a contemplation regarding the engagement of myself in cogitation on the jejune babblement and superficial sentimentalities I shall write for the next number, and I hope to say something about something in plain homely phraseology.

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### OLD BOYS' NOTES

CONGRATULATIONS :—R. S. Ashworth, Final Law; G. R. Bland, Instructor in Agriculture to Oxford C.C. and Lecturer at Reading College; G. S. Clegg, London Matriculation; James Diggle, Borough Surveyor at Hyde; Dr. J. Gow, House Surgeon, Northern Hospital; Dr. A. W. Howlett, Senior Surgeon, N.W. Chitral Expedition; L. W. Howlett, Third Exam. M.B., Ch.B. ; J. Wilson, B.Sc. ; P. Baker, A. H. Gregson and S. Webb on their marriage.

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Colonel Henry Fishwick completed on November 25th thirty-nine years of uninterrupted service as member of the Rochdale Education Authority, of which body he is Chairman. He is also " father " of the Rochdale Town Council, and Chairman of the Association of Education Authorities of England and Wales.

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S. H. Sutton is now on his way to Calcutta, where he will represent a Manchester firm of merchants. In view of recent political developments and the impending General Election, it is interesting to note that he represents the School in the Conservative interest in the present Parliament.

Ainsworth has had the great distinction in one week of being chosen to play in University trial matches both at Rugby and Association. He has also played for one of the University teams at Association. Should he be in residence next year, it is quite possible he may get his "Blue."

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Stanley Orr has been appointed the Manchester manager of the Van den Burgh Company.

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R. M. Stanhope, B.A., has been appointed Senior Science Master at Morrison's Academy, Crieff, Perthshire.

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There is little of interest to record since your last number, as all Owensian successes were recorded in the Year Book.

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J. Gow has been appointed House Surgeon to the Northern Hospital and F. H. Diggle has been appointed to the Cheadle Convalescent Hospital.

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Several large new chemical laboratories were opened recently, and another Old Burian is at work there—N. Hall. Making explosions, curious-looking mixtures and smells seems to an outsider to be his object in life, and one has only to go into the laboratory to realise how successful these science men often are.

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H. Greenwood is engaged in research work in the physical laboratories. He is surrounded by weird-looking machines and innumerable wires with placards of "danger" to warn the curious.



J. A. Bleakley is deep in the mysteries of Philosophy.

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C. G. Lees spends more or less time amid somewhat gruesome surroundings, carrying out one of the few Latin phrases which remain to me, and which same phrase has been said to be peculiarly applicable to a medical student—"Fiat experimentum in corpore vili."

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Cambridge, 4th December, 1909.

Dear Mr. Editor,

This term, after a lapse of two years, we welcome two "freshers"—Wild at Queen's and Brown at Downing. We wish them every success in their University career.

We will not say anything about the weather, but will proceed directly to business.

First of all we heartily congratulate Ainsworth on his inclusion in the Seniors' match, and in several 'Varsity trial matches at "Soccer" and also in some trials at "Rugger." May he do still better. Hardman, after further experiences of house-hunting, has at last settled down in College. He is, as of yore, the final appeal on all matters concerned with 'Varsity life, and is quite an authority on the buying of such things as china, fish and furniture. In the athletic line we hear he has been shining as outside-left for the College eleven, and has actually scored a goal. We believe, on good authority, that as he saw the ball flash into the net, he actually yawned! Wrigley says he has been doing nothing worthy of mention. We hear he has terrible dreams, and is taking shower baths as a cure. Hockey in King's Chapel with Socrates is a trifle thick! Brown has been playing "Soccer" and *may*, with sufficient precautions beforehand, some day play, or try to play, "Rugger." Meanwhile he is eagerly looking forward to the Christmas Vacation, as he has been up ten weeks.

The non-classical portion of our number have seen comparatively little of our Queen's man, but reports tell us that he is eagerly seeking for knowledge. He has been quite a frequent attender at the Tennis Courts, and has not yet broken a ten.

One of our number—we will not say who—was seen one day in another gentleman's rooms endeavouring to light a lamp by applying a match at the top of the chimney. Dear ! dear !!

The fifth of November and the King's birthday provided occasions for mild "rags," but nothing really exciting happened. As we write, the whole population of Cambridge seems to be attending the Theatre, where "The Wasps" of Aristophanes is being presented by members of the University. It is, of course, being spoken in the original (?) Greek.

Three of our number have before them, and in the near future, the awful spectre of a Tripos. May they all come out top is the wish of

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### DEBATING SOCIETY (Boys).

The Society has held four meetings this term :—

i. October 9th. Speaker : Mr. Hignett.

H. Barlow moved that "Modern civilisation is a failure."

He decried the artificiality, insincerity and mammon-worship of modern times, satirising the so-called liberty of democratic England and the huge accumulation of armaments made in pursuit of peace. K. McFarlane enthusiastically supported the motion.

E. Jones traced the development of man's enlightenment on all subjects and in all spheres of existence, pointing out that, though modern conditions were not yet ideal, yet reforms, the outcome of civilization, were constantly being effected and might be expected to develop, evolving conditions most nearly approximating to the ideal. He was ably seconded by W. Wood.

Vote : For motion, 6 ; against, 22.

2. October 23rd. Speaker : Mr. Sprankling.

A number of short papers were read by various members :

1. "An Appreciation of Sir Walter Scott," Barlow' i; 2. "Comets," Jones i; 3. "Sir Francis Drake,"<sup>1</sup> Minton ; 4. "The Conquest of the Air,"- Hayes ; 5. "Airships," Wood iii; 6\* "Some M.P.'s Criticised," Smith iii; 7. "The Budget," Packman; 8. (a) "The new Workmen's Compensation Act." and (b) "The Scorcher's Licence," Lund. A vote being taken on the best paper, E. Jones was awarded the Speaker's prize for an excellent, paper on "Comets," illustrated on the blackboard.

3. November 6th. Speaker : Mr. Hignett.

F. L-Buxton moved that "Sports should be compulsory in this school." He enumerated the advantages of participation in school sports, which he considered an essential factor in physical development and mental and moral education, and an important portion of the school curriculum. Compulsory sports, he maintained, would eliminate " slackers." K. McFarlane, opposing the motion, contended that a system of compulsion would destroy the elements of true sport in our games, would discount the idea of honorary obligation, and would be a source of serious deterioration in the characters and personalities of the boys. The opinions and beneficial influence of the boys themselves, he urged, were the most effective and most desirable remedy for "slackers." W. Wood and E. Jones respectively were the seconders. The motion was lost by 6 votes.

4. November 27th. Speaker: Mr. Sprankling.

Smith iii, Y., moved that "The unpopularity of the British nation is through no fault of its own." He argued that our unpopularity was mainly due to the fact that other nations were jealous of our statesmen and our victories; Wood iii, J. B., replied that it was chiefly caused by the conduct of British tourists abroad. Packman i, and Eatough supported the proposer and the opposer respectively. An interesting discussion ensued, in which McFarlane took a leading part, and the motion was carried by a majority of six.

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## SCHOOL SUPERSTITIONS.

The most credulous schoolboy or schoolgirl is' not more superstitious than was the learned Dr. Johnson. When out for his 'constitutional,' the doctor was in the habit of touching every post, as he passed; and if by any chance he, happened to miss one, he was not easy in his mind until he had retraced his steps and rectified his omission. Probably this strange foible was a relic of his schooldays; for it is quite certain that half the superstitious beliefs of our country are to be found in its places of education. Most of them are so wildly inconsequential that it is impossible to give them any explanation whatever.

Perhaps it is not generally known that when a new boy arrives at school, his companions are in danger of becoming bald. When, however, his head, has been dipped in a basin of water the danger is averted, that is, until, long after schooldays are over.

In certain parts of Yorkshire, the school-children cherish a belief—which is probably fathered by a desire—that if the attendance does not reach fifty, a holiday is sure to be given. Accordingly, chosen bands of youngsters are organised and sent out to waylay those scholars who are dutifully plodding to school. The result is, as might be imagined, no holiday, but a sound punishment, yet it does not in the least affect the faith in the tradition.

Many and varied are the strange rites practised at boarding schools to insure early rising. All have a reasonable basis, for the idea, impressed on the mind over-night, is almost certain to assert itself in the morning. Placing the shoes in the shape of a T and at the same time repeating aloud the time of rising; writing the time on the forehead with the middle finger; bumping the head on the pillow's the required number of times, are a few' examples of this large family.

A tradition with which everyone is acquainted is that the cane can be made to split by placing a horsehair across the hand, or, better still, by working one into a crevice of the cane.

Nobody can be found to have actually witnessed this miracle, yet every second schoolboy has heard of someone who has.

Another familiar superstition is the scholar's preliminary to passing an examination. A schoolboy has merely to catch a butterfly and place it under a stone. Some maintain that the butterfly must be the first in the season, but others take a more liberal view and merely insist on its being one of the earliest. A schoolgirl, however, must knot together and tie round her waist underneath her dress, two stockings secretly borrowed from two different friends. Those girls who are ignorant of this mysterious rite find it extremely hard to account for the missing stockings.

When a boy makes a blot on his copy-book, he regards it as an omen of coming trouble. There is something so sweetly reasonable in this, that one fails completely to grasp where the superstition comes in. But the explanation is that the boy looks upon the punishment as a misfortune of which the blot was but the augury and not the direct cause.

One more superstition. Or perhaps one ought not to call it a mere fancy, as there is an element of truth in it. In many schools there prevails a curious way of judging new boys from their hair. Should a boy have his hair parted in the middle, he is put down as a prig and a fool. If he has his hair brushed above his forehead he is considered intelligent and good at sports; and if on the other hand he allows it to stray over his forehead, he is considered to be good-natured but not blessed with a large share of brains. But it cannot be said that this method of judgment is infallible.

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### THE PRIZE GIVING (Girls).

On the occasion of the Prize-giving on October 30th, the Central Hall was well filled with parents and friends, who listened with keen interest to the happy remarks of the Chairman, the Rev. J. C. Hill.

Miss-Ph. Sheavyn was the guest Of the evening, and was presented with a bouquet of white roses, subscribed for by the girls. Wearing the red robes and the flat cap of a Doctor of Literature she was a striking figure : and in introducing her the Rector professed that he—a mere Master of Arts—stood in awe of the superior scholarship of the “ doctor.” We did not, however, quite believe him. Still if there were in any breast any lingering suspicion of the old belief that a learned lady is necessarily a hard, unfeminine creature, it must that evening have received its death-blow. Nothing could be more charming and natural, or further removed from offensive superiority, than the learned lady who stood before us, and gave away the prizes.

After paying a tribute to the good work of the School of which she has knowledge in her capacity of Tutor to the Manchester University, where many of our old girls are under her care, she proceeded, in language simple enough to be understood by the youngest of her hearers, to give us her theory of “ The Ideal Schoolgirl.” This was not, she said, one with whom school came, always first; in the case of girls, especially, the duties of home and school came often into conflict. She who could quietly resign herself to the loss of her place in class, in order to fulfil some obvious home duty, approached more nearly her ideal schoolgirl than one who sacrificed everything and everybody to her own interests. She insisted that the quiet, conscientious performance of duty rather than the mere acquisition of scholastic knowledge must be the aim that every girl should place before herself, and that it was one, the fulfilment of which lay in the capacity of even the dullest.

She dealt with other schoolgirl difficulties in a helpful, practical way. We all have much to thank her for.

After the prizes were distributed, a musical programme was carried out by the girls, and A. Lord especially roused much enthusiasm by her rendering of one of Schuman’s Fantasia Stucke.

## THE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY. (Girls).

The members of last season's Literary and Debating Society decided to resume its meetings, Miss Kitchener consenting to be president, and Miss Nicholson to take the chair.

The first meeting was held on October 6th, when Miss Jackson, M.A., spoke on "Keats," treating of his poetry rather than of the actual facts of his life, and emphasising the Greek element in his thought. Miss Nicholson thanked Miss Jackson for her enjoyable paper, and also spoke a few words on the same subject.

October 27th, subject of debate, "The Benefit to England of Elizabeth's reign compared with that of Victoria." Joint papers were given by M. Clay and E. Glenday, who pointed out the increase of culture in Elizabeth's reign, and by R. Howarth and M. Wild, who dealt with the political and commercial reforms of the Victorian era. A motion in favour of the former was carried by 8 votes to 7.

November 15th, subject of debate, "Formal Education for Girls *versus* the Simple Life." M. Chew clearly shewed the advantages gained from the training of the reasoning faculties by the former. L. Brunskill opposed her, maintaining that such a course was too restricted, and supporting the Simple Life as allowing more scope for the development of the imagination. After an interesting discussion, in which the present examination system was criticised, a motion in favour of the former was rejected by 4 votes to 5.

November 20th, subject of debate, "Pre-Raphaelitism *versus* Impressionism." D. Worsick stated the aims and ideals of the former, A. Wood those of the latter. The debate proved instructive and enjoyable. The Pre-Raphaelites gained 9 votes against the 8 of the Impressionists.

Miss Nicholson and Miss Matthias have contributed greatly to the enjoyment of these meetings, as also has Miss Bebb.

## O. T. C.

The Corps encamped in the summer at Cannock Chase with the Public Schools Brigade of the Northern and Western Commands. Our Corps was the fourth largest contingent in camp with 74 of all ranks. Repton, Shrewsbury and Rossall each exceeding this number.

The chief incidents of the camp were inspections, review and march-past of the Brigade, with General Altham as Inspecting Officer, and the night manoeuvres of the Brigade of 1,600 Cadets against the bivouac of the Regulars' Battalion of Royal Warwickshire Regiment, with the fight next morning.

The Bury Cadets were in the firing line with Sedbergh on their right, and had a warm time skirmishing through a wood.

Just before camp Mr. J. H. Sleigh was gazetted as Second Lieutenant, so that we have now two officers, both of the Territorial Force, serving with the Corps.

The Annual Inspection was held on September 26th by Major Loring. Only one Cadet failed to earn the Government grant through absence without leave.

### N. C. O'S. AND PROMOTIONS :—

Colour-Sergeant F. L. Buxton; Sergeants Minton, H. Sleigh, Crompton, Lamburn, Wolstenholme (Signaller) ; Corporals Wood, Cornall, C. Whittam, Austin; Lance-Corporals H, Downham, G. Farr, F. Downham, H. Howarth, Lund, Rostron, Jobling (Signaller).

Sergeant Brooks has been appointed Bandmaster, W. Anderson having resigned to the ranks.

Corporal A. Smith is appointed Sergeant-Urummer, and Bugler Ratcliffe to Corporal.

The Corps is being organised by House Sections, and Old Boys will retain, as far as possible, these Sections. This idea is in accordance with the practice in the Corps of the Public Schools.

The First Annual Social and Hot-Pot of the O. T. C. was held on November 20th, at which 72 were present, and it was



gratifying to see the interest taken in the Service Dress and Equipment of the O. T. C. During the evening good-bye was said to Stanley Sutton, a late Colour-Sergeant of the Cadet Corps, who has now sailed for India.

On Prize Day the Corps in uniform lined the corridors and presented a smart appearance. There were only two Cadets absent, but it is satisfactory and very gratifying to know these Cadets Wrote explaining their absence. We want this *esprit de corps* to continue.

The list of "efficients" for 1909-10 is published in the School Year Book.

The badge is awarded to Cadets over the age of 15 years (King's Regulations). We are trying to make some arrangement for an award to Cadets under 15 who serve in the Corps. O.C.

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### OFT IN THE STILLY NIGHT.

I have just had a visit from an apology for a man who asked me if I was going to write something for the general delectation. I told him I could not. " Oh yes ! we know that," he answered, " that's why I asked you : you see, there are plenty of \* people on the staff who can write, and, as a kind of set-off, we want some one who can't." I told him not to be modest in coming forward himself, and hinted that if he wanted any coffee and cake, he was not going the right way to get it. He subsided and I fed the brute. " Two-teaspoonfuls, please," he said. A minute later when he found it was the salt he had been so liberal with, there was just a little unpleasantness, and he began to be insulting. After a lurid sketch of my past, present and future, he informed me it was no good my writing to the magazine, because they only printed the truth; I am pleased to say that he fell over the step on his way out, but his last suggestion annoyed me. I thereupon determined to write about something that no one could prove to be untrue, and I at once thought of some (only a small part) of my adventures in the " Land of Dreams."

I am not like some people who dream they are carrying aeroplanes round Tottington, and wake up in tears because they have gone down without getting an *exeat*. I think it must be living in a haunted place that has some effect on me, because one would not think from a casual glance that I had anything to do with a murder case. However, that is the chief point: there is always a murder in them somehow. Last night after a sinless existence of about a week, just when I was wondering how it was the angels didn't take me, and when I certainly ought to have been dreaming of green fields, etc., my gyp appeared to me and in sepulchral, though respectful, tones told me there was a man coming to dig a grave in the old court for me, and that I was to be hanged in five hours. He sat down and gloated over me, finally summing up "I don't think you'll make a very nice corpse." At this I seemed to awake, and interrupted by asking if there was not some mistake. "Did you say, hanged?" "Yes, sir, and drawn and quartered." I did not feel I cared much about the last two operations : it did not seem as if it would matter much after the first operation was completed. Then an idea came to me : I jumped up and shouted "I think I could race you, Jarvis," and I suppose I must have started my attempt to escape, because I awoke with a cold blast blowing down the back of my neck. Somebody was hammering at the door, and yelling the pleasant information that it was twenty-past seven : ten minutes later I was walking up the chapel aisle just as the wicked man began to depart from his wickedness.

I had another fright a night or two later, and I really think this must have been due to the haddock we had for supper. We first boiled and then fried in butter a haddock about the size and consistency of a doormat. Of course this may have had something to do with the visions : at any rate they came : haddocks of all sizes, sorts and conditions surrounded me : young, sportive haddock, gray, venerable haddock that ought to have known better, kept yapping at my legs : *T* at last got one with a poker in

what is humanly known as the wind : whereupon they all" vanished and I was left alone, sentimentally hugging in a maudlin sort of way our pet dog. Their disappearance did not much improve matters because my gyp came in and told me there'd been murder done in my rooms. I told him it was only a haddock, but he said "Oh! no! sir, it's the college tutor." "Well," I said, "has it made much of a mess ? I'm sure we shall never be able to get the stains out of that new green carpet: they might have done it in someone else's rooms." Presumably he was shocked at such sentiments, because he also vanished, and I ended up with a hockey match in King's Chapel with Socrates who was trying to improve the referee's definition of off-side, and several bishops who were trying to persuade me it was not sacrilege unless you hit the ball with the wrong side of the stick. No more haddock for supper!

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### BASKET BALL.

This game is very popular in the Lower School, and there are many good, enthusiastic players. A little more keenness might be shown in practices after school.

This season we have played two matches :—

- (1) Bury v. Oldham, at Oldham, on November 18th, where we were defeated, 5 goals to 4. Play was good, passing quick, and it proved a close game. We missed some good chances owing to the slippery ground.
- (2) Bury v. Bolton High School, at Bury, on November 27th.  
In spite of the rain we managed to get in a shortened game. The visitors were older and bigger than our team, and won 4 goals to nil.

On Friday, December 10th, we play v. Pendleton High School.

1 st IX.—Defenders: M. Riley, S. Eastham, M. Hyslop.  
Centres : II. Rostron, B. Aspinall, W. Grundy.  
Forwards : D. Taylor, B. Taylor, H. Metcalf.

## HOCKEY NOTES.

The team has made a very successful start to the new season, and we are eager to keep up the record made last year of having suffered no defeat. The matches have been as follows :—

November 8th, v. Manchester High School, away.—The play was very keen, tending rather to roughness. Several good shots were stopped by the Manchester goal-keeper. One goal was scored by R. Howarth, two by O. Budden, and the result was a win to Bury of 3—1 goals. The team was :—Forwards : N. Hall, O. Taylor, O. Budden (Captain), D. Hayes, R. Howarth. Half-backs: M. Hill, M. Clay. A. Lord. Backs: E. Rigby, J. Prince. Goal: S. Lucas.

November 13th, v. Blackburn High School, away.—A good day and a good field encouraged brisk play. The Blackburn defence was much stronger than last season. On the Bury side E. Scholes scored one goal, O. Budden three, and the result was a win of 4—0 goals. The team was the same as against Manchester, except that E. Scholes played in place of O. Taylor, and J. Ramsden in place of A. Lord.

November 27th, v. Stockport High School, home.—In spite of a very muddy ground the play was sharp and the passing good. The fall of darkness towards the end of the game did not seem to disturb the players. O. Taylor shot one goal, D. Hayes one, M. Clay one, and O. Budden six. The result was a win of 9—0 goals.

The team on this occasion was the same as against Manchester.

November 23rd, v. Oldham Grammar School (Girls), away.—The fight against Oldham was harder than in any of the previous matches. N. Hall shot one goal, O. Budden two, and the result was a win of 3—1 goals.

E. Scholes played in place of O. Taylor, J. Ramsden in place of A. Lord, and M. Watson in place of J. Prince.

November 27th, v Withington High School, home.—The rain cleared off sufficiently to allow the game to start, but unfortunately a heavy downfall at half-time prevented its continuation. O. Budden shot two goals, and the result was a draw in favour of Bury (2—1 goals).

The team was :—Forwards, N. Hall, E. Scholes, .O. Budden (captain), D. Hayes, R. Howarth ; half-backs, M. Watson (reserve), E. Glenday, J. Ramsden ; backs, E. Rigby, M. Clay ; goal, S. Lucas.

Throughout the school the keenness for hockey seems to have increased. If this be kept up the Form matches at Easter should show a much better standard of play than in preceding years. It is probable that a match for the Second XI. will be arranged next term.

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### VISIT TO BLEACHWORKS.

Monday, 1st of November, being the half-term holiday, the chance was taken to pay a visit to Messrs. Ainsworth's Bleachworks at Halliwell. The visit was kindly arranged by Mr. Sprankling, to whom also our thanks are due for the light refreshments afterwards.

Our party, numbering about a dozen, met at Knowsley Street Station in time for the nine o'clock train to Bolton. Outside Bolton Station we boarded the Halliwell car, and arrived at the terminus shortly before ten. An old Grammar School boy—Mr. Hepburn—who is managing director, and the works manager, were there to meet us, and conducted us to the works.

The inspection commenced at the sheds where the woven material is first unloaded. Here were bundles of cloth of every description, from counterpanes to material for trousers. These pass on to a sorting room where they are stitched together into a long chain.

The next room shows the method of getting rid of all superfluous nap; the belt of cloth being passed through rows of bunsen burners, the flame actually playing on to the material. In some cases the cloth is passed over a copper plate, kept at a red heat, while any chance of fire is obviated by passing through water.

During the whole of the actual bleaching process, the cloth is kept in an endless belt, passing from one tank to another, and it is only at the end that the pieces are separated.

The chain is first passed into large tanks containing the dilute solution of bleaching powder, and from these into huge tubs with dilute sulphuric acid continually spraying down on to it, boys in waterproof clothing dancing about like monkeys on the two-inch rims of the tubs, and directing the process. When the liberation of the chlorine is complete, the material is passed through the washers, where all chemicals are removed, and then on through rollers which have screw threads going in opposite directions which open the cloth out and prepare it for the "proceeders." These are endless chains of clips which catch hold of each edge of the cloth, and, gradually drawing apart, stretch it to the required width. From these it passes to the calenders whence it is turned out in huge white folds, ready for separating and packing. The stitches are then broken, and the separate pieces folded and sent to the packing room.

In the next department the process is the same, but on account of the greater value of the material all the work has to be done separately and by hand. Here are the blue-tanks, and the revolving dryer, which ejects the water by centrifugal force.

In this department are the folding and packing-rooms, where the cloth is done up into the bundles which we get at the draper's shops, and stamped with the maker's mark.

In the third department we see the effect of mercerising by passing through caustic soda, and in the last we find the apparatus for the recovery and purification of chemicals, the laboratory, and the offices, with the telephone room, finally coming out on to the lodge banks, which formed a very pretty picture in the autumn sunlight.

After expressing our thanks to the managers, we made our way back to Bolton, finally getting home about half-past two, with a feeling of a morning well spent, and of pride in our knowledge of the art of bleaching.

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### FOOTBALL.

FIRST ELEVEN.	Goals				
Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For.	Against.
11	3	6	2	27	46

Perhaps the most remarkable feature of First Eleven Football this season has been the way in which the old members of the team have "crooked" up. At one time no fewer than four of the five "veterans" from last year were absent through injuries or illness. Indeed we have only three times played with a full team. This has necessitated calling upon more of the younger boys than usual, so that the average size of the team is much smaller than last year. And when we remember that in three of the defeats we have been hopelessly out-sized, and that in these games we have scored three goals against our opponents twenty-two, the record is not so bad as it at first seems. Against schools our record reads

Goals					
Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For.	Against.
7	3	3	1	18	18

We all regret the accident to young Rigby in the House Match. His absence from the team will be a loss to the School. Although it has been deemed inadvisable to play him against the heavier teams, in other matches he had made up for his size by his skill in beating his man and his accuracy in passing, as his outside man and captain well knows and appreciates. We hope he will soon be back at school again. Harding, too, has been, and is likely still to be, absent from many matches, by "Doctor's

Orders." He is the only really capable centre-forward in the School, and would be better still if he would take the ball forward at once instead of dallying and allowing the opposing defence to fall back.

Crompton has played well at inside-left, but Cornall, at outside, is weak. The forwards are weak in front of goal. The halves are too slow, and do not feed their forwards well. Barlow is a good trier and has weight, but does not control the ball well, ballooning it too much. Eatough is very slow at times. He has shown that he can play good football but seems devoid of energy. Brooks plays very well, but would also do with a little more vim. Chadwick has played all over the field in emergencies, but it is unfortunate that circumstances have rendered it necessary to move him from his place at centre-half, where he is a tower of strength. The backs are exceedingly good. Rothwell has come on wonderfully and well earned his colours. Jones has played well but has been " off " through injuries. Whittam in goal has varied considerably, but at times is excellent. He has a fault of kicking or knocking the ball against his own full-backs or the opposing forwards, and should learn to place his clearances. He has a good kick.

Colours have been awarded to Rothwell, Crompton, and Rigby.

THE CAPTAIN.

SECOND ELEVEN.

Goals

Played. Won. Lost. Drawn. For. Against.

12.            3            9            0            33            97

Owing to the ambitious nature of several of our fixtures the results so far, on paper, look discouraging. But out of twelve fixtures carried out eight were against the first teams of other schools. In the case of schools similar to ours we have to record two defeats (Blackburn and Bolton) - and one victory (Oldham). Bolton were too good for us ; but a good fight was made against Blackburn, and at home we ought to be able to reverse the account.



Our half-back line is not equal to last season's; the trio work hard but kick without judgment. The forward line has suffered for lack of a permanent centre and inside-right.

## THIRD ELEVEN.

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals	
				For.	Against.
6	4	1	1	28	15

The third eleven have played six games, of which four have been won, one drawn, and one lost. We have been singularly unfortunate in having games scratched, especially regretting the loss through bad weather of the game with Manchester Hulme. We have an exceptionally good team this year, every man of which does good work, and the competition for the vacant place in the defence will be severe. The forwards lack ability to shoot, but they are very smart at scrimmaging the ball through if our opponents' backs make any mistake. No doubt shooting will come with practice, and in other respects they play a very good game. The defence is also good. Our best achievement so far is the draw with Bolton Grammar School. We were 4 down at half-time, but pulled ourselves together and had all the game in the second half.

## FOURTH ELEVEN.

This eleven is practically playing the same teams as its predecessor did last year, and although not doing so well as last season's Eleven it can feel very well satisfied with its play so far. Of course it must be borne in mind that the age limit of this team has been reduced from 14 to 13, which makes a great difference in the size and strength of the boys. There is good material in the team, and the boys are keen on doing well. Bradley, Dykes, Nolan, Orrell, Round, and Marks should all make good players.

## HOUSE MATCHES.

<i>First Eleven.</i>	<i>Second Eleven.</i>
Kay 4, Hulme 2.	Kay 28, Hulme 1.
Derby 6, Kay 3.	Kay 9, Derby 2.
Hulme 3, Derby 2.	Derby 10, Hulme 3.